

Boston, 221 Washington St
May 29. 1860

Dear friend Webb;

We shall address you no more
^{-at present, certainly.}
from No. 21 Cornhill. We have left that
venerable & somewhat dilapidated office, and
take up our head-quarters in a far more eligible
& central situation, in a new building, ~~in~~ which
we have a quite spacious room, giving us a
chance to turn around, and to bestow our books
& tracts, without piling them on the floor. Would we
could see you walk in, some day, to inspect our
office and us, and to give us your word of cheer,
- this is Anniversary week, - our N.E. Anti-
Slavery Convention commences tomorrow, and we
are busy in preparation. I wish, however, to
say a few words to you, by tomorrow's steamer;
and so I begin. - Please forward enclosed, for
H. Martineau. - I am hoping to hear from you
of the arrival of the Box of books which I forwarded
to y^r. care, per steamship, some time since. I trust
it all reached you in good order. It would impose
labour on you, I know very well, in the distribution;
yet I see not how it could be helped. I ought to
have got off to you, by tomorrow's steamer, a parcel of
our "Annual Report for yr. ending May 1, 1859" - an
admirable document, though tardy. prepared by Mr. Burleigh

and just published. We are hoping that
the Report, for 1859-60, will be out by August 1st at the latest. I hope to live to see the
Society "up to time" in respect to these Reports.

On the other side I give a list of some
changes to be made in our "Advocate" list -
of which please take note. - I am collecting
the Advocate money for current year (Octo. to Octo.)
and it will be \$13.50, or thereabouts. - Our discontinuing
subscribers say, that ~~so~~ much of the Advocate matter is taken
from Liberator & Standard, or, is copied from Advocate into those
papers, (which most of them see,) that they do not need it, &c.
- "Every one to his taste"; I find much in the "Advocate" that
I see no where else, & could not do without it.

I believe that Garrison has finally abandoned all
thought of going to England this summer - or this year. I am
sorry now I gave you any reason to expect him. For myself,
I have decided to remain at home this summer, - or rather, not
to stray far from it, - mainly on account of my father's impaired
health. - We continue to have good accounts of my boy
Edward. He is in China now, or Cochin-China, with a prospect of
remaining for the present. - I hear that F. Douglass is
in this country again; - I don't know it to be so.

This morning we receive tidings of the death of Theodore Parker
at Florence, May 10th. His loss is a tremendous one to the Cause of
Free thought, speech, & action in America - not to say in a wider field.

In moving from one office to another I have lost, or
mislaid, the little printed Memorandum you sent me of Nov. of
the Standard which you wanted. Will you send me 3 or 4 more

Advocate.

- 1st 1. Discontinue, after Sept. 1st '60, Mr. Mary Rice, Concord, Ms.
Do. immediately Mrs. Lucy Hoffman, Lyndon, Vt.
Do. do. Rev. Mr. Angier, Concord, Ms.
Do. do. J. Brown jr, Concord, Ms.
2. Send, in separate wrapper, to Charles Follen, Esq. Boston, U.S.
Mr. Follen is ^{of those} one who ~~have~~ hitherto received their nos.
of Mr. Wallcut, from the lot sent especially to him.
3. You may therefore send him (Mr. Wallcut) one copy
less than heretofore, i.e. 2 copies instead of 3.

of them, corrected down to time of sending? I sent you quite
a supply ^{of nos} by box above referred to; and now have, lying near
me, a bundle from New York, sent from our office there to aid you
towards a complete file. On your printed paper
(of which Wallcut fortunately retains a copy) I notice
you do not ask for any of the first 3 vols. I could supply
many ~~of~~ members, in each of those 3 vols., if wanted.

Could you dispose of a dozen or more copies of
John's Brown's Photograph, at 2 shillings sterling each?
If so, I should like to send you some, which cost us there
within a few cents. It is ~~the~~ the likeness which his bro,
Frederick said was the best one ever had of him.

And now, farewell for the present;

Very truly Yours

Saml May Jr

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